

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 6, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2070
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2070 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve the State Commission on Fatherhood (Fatherhood Commission) by replacing the Director of the Office of Children and Youth with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court as a member of the Fatherhood Commission.

The Department of Human Services (DHS), Fatherhood Commission, Hawaii Coalition for Dads, and Family Support Services of West Hawaii testified in support of this measure. The Judiciary opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Replacing the Chief Justice with an administrator of the Family Courts as a member of the Fatherhood Commission;
- (2) Adding the Director of Public Safety as a member of the Commission and increasing the number of members to 16 to reflect the addition;
- (3) Correcting a drafting error to update the statute being amended to reflect DHS as the agency to which the Fatherhood Commission is administratively attached; and



- (4) Making other technical, nonsubstantive amendments for consistency and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2070, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2070, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,



ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



